To the Honourable the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts

The Humble address of the Churchwardens & Vestry of the Rector of Christs Church in the City of Philadelphia in the Province of Pennsylvania in Vestry Assembled

Having had the Honour to be informed by D^r^ Beareroft your Secretary in his letter of the Eighth of April last, to our worthy Rector D^r^ Jenney, that the Society in Compliance with his Request were come to a Resolution of Setling a Chatechetical Lecture in our Church for the Instruction of Negroes & Others with a Salary of thirty Pounds Annum, We most heartily thank the Society for this Singular Instance of their Care of us, We are obliged to our Good Minister for his faithfull Representations of the Condition of our Congregation, Whereby the Society has seen the Nessesity & Expediency of Assisting us, & we would Express in the Strongest Terms Possible our Grateful Sense of the Societys Goodness in this Seasonable & Generous Provision, And to give the Society some Evidence of the Effect their Generosity has had, we beg leave to Inform them, that on the Communication of D^r^ Beareroft's kind Letter to some of the Members of our Church, the Vestry Met & took imediately into their Consideration What further Provision could be Procured to induce a reputable & well Qualified Person to come amongst us, & on Consulting with our Rector & receiving from him some advantageous Proposals, we found that it would not be difficult to raise such an Addition to the Society's Salary as would be a Sufficient & decent Maintenance for such Chatechist Especially if by the further favour of the Society he may be permitted to be Assistent to the Rector of this Church for the time being, As D^r^ Beareroft tells D^r^ Jenney in his Letter that he must himself look out for a Proper Person, & send him for Deacons & Priests Orders, no such Offering on that side the Water, D^r^ Jenney has been good enough to write imediately to his Brethren & his Friends in the other Colonies, none offering in our own, that they would use their Diligence to find out a Person of Sufficient Learning & other

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Endowments proper for such a City as this, which abounds with all kinds of Sectary's. & if they should be so happy as to find such a Person, to send him here, that the Congregation might have an Opportunity of Conversing with him, & Judge for themselves; On these Letters a young Gentleman one Mr. William Sturgeon of Yale Colledge in Connecticut came to this City & offered himself to our Rector & Congregation & being well recommended by some of the Society's Missionaries & other Gentlemen of Reputation & probity the Minister Churchwardens & Vestry agreed to accept him, & to recommend him to the Society for Catechist, praying that he may at the same time officiate as Assistant to the Rector for the time being. We pray fervently that the pious Labours of the Society may have every where their desired Success & that this their Seasonable Support, in favour of our Congregation in particular, may answer all their Purposes, & prove the means of making our Holy Religion appear to more Advantage in the Eyes of Sectary's & of Winning abundance of Souls over to the pure Worship of Almighty God according to the Forms & Constitution of our most Excellent Church.

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in favour of Mr Sturgeon